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| A METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING AN OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE AND AN OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE |   |                                  |

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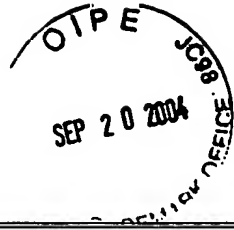
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